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Norio MAEDA et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3749

Serial No. 09/936,618 : Examiner: Jiping Lu

Filed: March 5, 2002 : Confirmation No. 9087

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING : AMENDMENT AFTER

SUBSTRATE : FINAL REJECTION

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

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TOTAL 18	- 28 =	0	x 25 = \$	<u>x 50 = \$</u>
INDEP 6	- 6 =	0	x 105 = \$	x 210 = \$
[] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM			+ 185 = \$	+ 370 = \$
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Sir:

In response to the November 1, 2007 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 2, 5-11 and 14-22 are pending, with claims 1, 10 and 21 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.